(b) whether the process of surrender of arms is now complete; and

(c) what other steps have so far been taken to implement the Accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) As envisaged in the agreement, the West Bengal State Legislature has already passed the Hill Council Bill and the elections to the Council are expected to be held on 13th December, 1988. As per information furnished by the State Government, all TADA cases and other criminal cases have been reviewed and submitted to the concerned Courts. Departmental actions initiated against the employees in the context of the agitation have been dropped.

Adjudication proceedings against M/s. I.T.C. Ltd.

1682. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Anti-Evasion issued show cause notices amounting to Rs. 803 crore on M/s. I.T.C. Ltd., after search and seizure operations carried out on 17th February, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that I.T.C. petition in this conection was rejected by the Calcutta High Court on 12th October, 1988; and

(c) if so, when the adjudication proceedings were started and by when these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The adjudication proceedings started on the date of issue of the show cause notice itself i.e. on 27.3.1987. The company completed inspection of document etc. by December, 1987. The reply to the show cause notice was received from the company by the Adjudication Authority on 2.3.88. Thereafter presonal hearings started with effect from 23.5.88 and have since been continuing practically on a day-to-day basis. The Adjudicating Authority is making all possible efforts to adjudicate the case expeditiously.

Show Cause Notices pending against M/s. I.T.C. Limited

1683. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of show cause notices pending before the various jurisdiction collectorates against M/s. I.T.C. Limited and the amount involved therein; and

(b) what is the present position regarding adjudication/demand notices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the field formations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Show Cause Notices issued to M/s. I.T.C. Limited by the Central Excise Collector, Patna

1684. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Excise and Customs had, in a telex message on 8th Dec-